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Winnebago District United Methodist Women Newsletter

HOW TIME FLIES!

Have you ever said to yourself “This summer I am going to get the basement cleaned up!” or some other statement of a similar nature. So the month of June comes and before you know it the month of August is coming to an end. And did you get to the cleaning that you said you were going to do? If you are anything like me, the answer is “probably not!” There always seems to be something else that would come up and distract me from the goal that was set. I can tell you right now that I would rather be reading a book, doing some knitting or counted cross stitch instead of cleaning, even though I know that it is something that needs to be done. I have made bargains with myself at times saying, “Mary, you can read for an hour and then you have to get at the cleaning job!” Sometimes it works and other times, not so much.



That’s how I feel when I look back on the five years that I have served as president of Winnebago District. The time has gone so fast when I think about it. When I started, the time stretched out before me and now it is time to say “goodbye.”

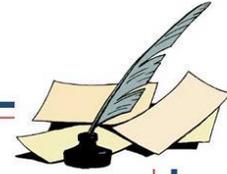
This last year, 2015, has been an interesting one. Chris Worrall, District Secretary and I are serving as interim officers for Winnebago District. We officially retired as President and Secretary at the end of 2014, and then were promptly elected as interim officers for 2015. We knew that this year would be the end of the Winnebago District as we have known it for many years, and we didn’t feel it would be right to have someone elected to serve in these two offices and then be done in just one year. We have been together as a group of United Methodist Women under the designation of Winnebago District since 1998. During those 18 years our district annual meetings have been held at 14 different churches. We had a couple of repeat hostesses in those years. I can’t say enough about the willingness of the women of these churches to host our meetings. And what a variety of themes and speakers we have had over the years. I know that I enjoyed every one of these meetings – seeing old friends and making new friends, gaining more insights into the work of United Methodist Women and learning what a difference we make in the world.

And now some of these good friends will be leaving our Winnebago District. Columbus and Fall River will be joining the new South West District. Berlin, Markesan, Randolph/Courtland, Wautoma and Wild Rose will be joining the new North Central District. We wish them well as they start in their new districts. Hopefully we can renew our friendships at Mission u and the Conference Annual Gathering. And what is left of the Winnebago District will be joining the Nicolet District and some churches from the Metro North area to form the new North East District.

It will be a challenge starting in 2016 with a much larger district than we have ever been a part of. But with the help of all of our United Methodist Women I am sure that we can have a vibrant, hardworking, energetic group who are always looking for ways to help women, children and youth around the world to have a better life.

You won’t be getting entirely rid of me however. I will be serving on the Nominating Committee of the North East District. So don’t be surprised if you hear my voice on the other end of the phone someday asking you if you would be willing to serve in some capacity for United Methodist Women. And I hope that your answer will be “yes.”

Mary Trettin, Winnebago District President



Greetings Winnebago District Unit Secretaries,

Soon our name will change. New faces and new friends. Thanks to ALL of you secretaries who have been so faithful in sending me the needed information each fall. We do this again this fall— the same as last year. Please complete the form below and send it to: **Chris Worrall, Winnebago District UMW Secretary**
730 Woodside Av
Ripon, WI 54971

Or Email it to me at; worrallact@charter.net

Local Church	Address	City	Pastor	Zip Code	Phone #	Email Address
UMW Leadership	Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #	Email Address
President						
Vice President						
Secretary						
Treasurer						
Spiritual Growth						
Social Action						
Educ. and Interp.						
Memb. Nurture/ Outreach						
Program Resources						
Nominations						

May God bless you where-ever you go. You are MAGNIFICENT ladies!
 It has been my privilege to have worked with you.

Chris

TREASURER

This is the last newsletter for 2015. So this is my swan song as I will no longer be your District Treasurer after December 31, 2015.

Because of the redistricting it is even more important this year that **your remittance reach me by December 15, 2015**. If I receive money after December 15, I will not be able to give you credit in this year. *Any remittances received after December 15, 2015 will be credited in 2016.*

I have enjoyed being your treasurer for the last four years. It has been a joy to work with all of you. I think I have met most of you, and that is one of the greatest pleasures of this job. You have given me a basketful of good memories to take with me and I thank you for each one of them. I also thank God for the privilege of serving you and Him in this way. Keep up the good work and God bless all of you!

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Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 933-2771

COMMUNICATIONS



I am sad to say this is the final issue of the WINN-D. I have really learned a lot about how to put a newsletter together in the 3 years I have been doing this! Sometimes it can be a real struggle because I really don't know what I am doing 😊. Just ask my kids, who have to help me through some of my "problems"! However, despite the learning curve, I have really enjoyed putting each issue together.

Next year you will receive the first issue of the new Northeast District Newsletter. We are still in the process of coming up with the name of the newsletter. The Communications Coordinator for the Northeast District will be someone else, I will not be doing it. I have really enjoyed my communication with you all and wish you all the best! If you are moving to a new District we will miss you, but know that you will make terrific new friends and hopefully I will see you at various Conference Events!

God Bless!

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, OUTREACH

Do you remember the song that the children sang in “*Sound of Music*” ? ‘So Long, Farewell,’ That is my song for this column. As Winnebago District becomes part of the new North East District, my term also ends... except for the final Winnebago District membership reports that conclude **December 31, 2015**.

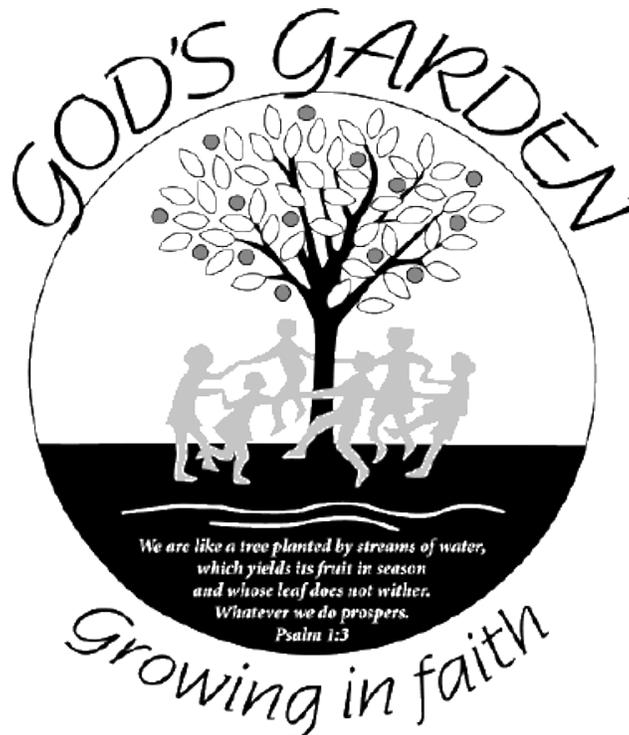
A report form and explanatory note will be mailed to each of you in December. For those of you who prefer the computer generated reports I will try to contact you via that method also (if I can learn how). Shirley Carpenter, the Conference Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, Outreach has not received information about any changes to the forms. For those of you who are new this year we will need your membership numbers beginning January 1, 2015 (The same number reported for members **December 31, 2014**.) I will try to enter that number on each of your forms. Other numbers requested will include the number of new members added during 2015; the number of members lost by death, moving, etc.; and the total membership as of **December 31, 2015**. Please keep this column in your December calendar or UMW membership list as a reminder. Thank you.

I hope that as many of you as possible can attend the joint Winnebago and Nicolet Districts’ Gathering and Celebration at Brillion Faith UMC Saturday, September 26. We will have a designated time for group sharing and questions in addition to the program, worship, memorial service and closure.

Please note that the registrations need to be sent in by August 26th. We Are the Light!

I have enjoyed meeting and communicating with you. May God continue to bless your faithful service and witness as you respond to Christ’s direction “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15) through invitations to participate in UMW activities.

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Homelessness in Wisconsin 2013

The state of homelessness is in the news in the Fox Valley. The homeless are getting drunk in the city parks. Then they are unable to go to the shelters. The Police are addressing the issue of them in the parks. It's an area for children to play which concerns parents.

Here is an annual Wisconsin Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) report for 2013. 27,556 people were served by HMIS agencies in 2013. This count isn't accurate as non-HMIS agencies also offered assistance for shelter and some people were unsheltered, so the actual number would probably be higher. There are 22 or more counties that receive care.

- * This number 27,556 is up 18% since 2010
- *42% LIVE IN Dane & Milwaukee counties
- *69% sleep outdoors or in places not for habitation
- *64% are newly homeless

At the national level homelessness has declined. Wis. homelessness has increased in the past five years. Agencies need to examine how to improve services to the homeless, and establish supportive housing. Pray for shelter, education, jobs, and services for the homeless. Say YES to service projects to help God's children.

This is my last article for SOCIAL action. Good Luck to all social action coordinators on the local and district level. Together we can make a difference to share the Good News and be in service to God's children.

Sharon Kardoske
Social Action Coordinator

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

I came back from Mission u with a happy heart and joy in my heart. I enjoyed myself by doing Vespers Tuesday Morning and loved sending people off with a happy mood. I have enjoyed doing this position. I have met such lovely people. My prayer life has expanded with such love. I became a grandmother to a beautiful baby boy and found out that I'll be a new great-grandmother to 2 in the new year. My life is so full of love and miracles. May I send my blessings and God's love and prayers to you all.



God Bless

Linda Bartotto
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The 2016 Reading Program List is out! Look it over and come to our Annual Gathering on September 26th prepared to buy! They will also have Reading Program books available for purchase at the Conference Annual Gathering on October 23 and 24th. I have really enjoyed being the Secretary of Program Resources for Winnebago District. I have been given an opportunity to meet lots of wonderful people! I will not be the Program Resources person next year, but I will be around. You can't get rid of me that easily!!!



Happy Reading!

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Education and Interpretation:

My, what a beautiful summer we have had so far, but school will be starting shortly. Why does time seem to go so fast? I can hardly believe that I have been Winnebago E & I Mission coordinator for four years. It's been a joy working with all the District officers, each has their own gift to missions and special personality. Our last district team meeting ended with a delicious pot luck. When I said yes to this position I later figured I must have lost my mind but as I Thessalonians 5:11 says, Encourage one another and build each other up-I was encouraged and helped and built up along the way.

All unit presidents will now send your 2015 Mission report forms by December 1 to:

Becky Joppich
23 Circle Dr.
Brillion, Wi 54110
920-588-0006
angeleyesatfaith@gmail.com

Hope to see all of you around at our District Annual gatherings and Mission U.

Betty Eichstedt
Education and Interpretation Coordinator

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW

MISSION TODAY

Mission Tasks for 2015

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Please try at least one (1) new criteria and report in fall of 2015.

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God...

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1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, response magazine, etc.)
 2. Create prayer partners with other church groups.
 3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
 4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/ weeks.

to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

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1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day.
 2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
 3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice program.
 4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

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1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders.
 2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
 3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.
 4. Plan a year end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.

and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.
 2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
 3. Contribute to scholarships(UMW related) and Mission u. (\$25.00 or more).
 4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, Hmong House of Good News, etc.

Wisconsin Conference UMW
Mission Today Local Unit Report Form
Year: 2015

Presidents of **ALL local units**, please complete the form below even though you may not qualify as a Mission Today unit. Refer any questions to your District Team. **Return form by December 1st** to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator (Becky Joppich). Report on criteria used January thru December 2015.

NAME OF YOUR CHURCH

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

HOME PHONE _____ E-MAIL

CURRENT # OF UNIT MEMBERS

Criteria Completed (Circle the numbers completed)

FAITH 1 2 3 4

HOPE 1 2 3 4

LOVE 1 2 3 4

IN ACTION 1 2 3 4

NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES YOUR UNIT COMPLETED

DID YOUR UNIT QUALIFY AS A *MISSION TODAY* UNIT? Yes _____ No

New criteria you tried during the year that you'd like to share:

COMMENTS for the District or Conference UMW Mission Team:



Nicolet District Team

angeleyesatfaith@gmail.com

Phone: (920) 588-0006

NICOLET DISTRICT
MISSION COORDINATOR,
Education & Interpretation

Becky Joppich

23 Circle Dr.
Brillion, WI 54110



LEGACY REPRESENTATIVE

United Methodist Women is looking for young women and girls to join our Legacy. Salem United Methodist Church in Fond du Lac has been supporting this effort by holding an event called Girls Night Out. This was our 3rd year of Girls Night Out (GNO) and it has grown in popularity and attendance each year.

GNO is a fun filled night with many opportunities for participation by attendees. Stations were set up to include Elegantees shopping, Fair Trade Jewelry, Mary kay cosmetics, acupuncture, hand massage, hair donation station for Locks of Love, a culinary station demonstrating sauce making and a quiet room for meditation. There were also many activities for little girls such as jewelry making, fingernail stickers and coloring.

GNO contains a pot luck and fashion show. This fashion show showcases Elegantees along with Fair Trade Accessories. Elegantees is an organization that provides sewing jobs for sex trafficking victims and all proceeds go to them.

After GNO a meeting is held to evaluate the event so that we may change and improve every year.

We provide free babysitting for meetings, Girls Night Out and other UMW events at Salem church. Our hope is that this provides an opportunity for young mothers to enjoy getting involved.

Kim Caldwell



JANUARY 1, 2016! We will be known as the North East District! Your Winnebago District Team would like you to know that we are ready and excited for this change. We have been meeting with Nicolet District to help make the transition as smooth as possible.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:
old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 23 – 24, 2015**

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 5 at \$25

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 12 at \$35

If you register after October 13, you will need to make your own lunch arrangements for Saturday.

Please **PRINT**. If registering for more than one person, copy and complete a separate form for each person.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ District _____

Please check all that apply : Female Male Teen (Teen only Age _____
 First Time Attending UMW member Clergy Guest (not a member of UMW)
Office, if any, you hold on District level _____

Child Care:

Child Care need Friday evening for _____ children, ages _____

Child Cared needed Saturday for _____ children, ages _____

Please pick up your children and take them to lunch. Also, please provide a sack lunch for each child or include \$7.00 for each child in the registration total.

Emergency contact information: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Requesting a scholarship (25 scholarships available, awarded to the first 25 to make a request

Diabetic or other dietary limitations (Please describe) _____

Please make checks payable to **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW**

Mail to Registrar: Nancy Flath, R2170 County Road Q, Ringle, WI 54471

Email: njudyflath@gmail.com

Phone 715-446-3252

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Driving directions to the church will be provided in your confirmation letter.

AS A COURTESY TO OUR HOST CHURCH AND PLANNERS, PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL. LET'S BE PARTNERS IN GOD'S MISSION AS WE LEARN, WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER.

District Annual Gathering Information

From the Nicolet District Vice President's Desk

Plan to attend this year, even if you have not attended in the past and see history in the making. This will be a joint meeting of the Nicolet, Winnebago and those units of the Metro-North Districts which will become the North East District beginning in January, 2016. This will be a day of celebration and leadership training and on our joining of hands. It will be held at Brillion Faith in Brillion, Wisconsin.

We will be electing officers for the newly formed district at this meeting so it is important that all UMW units are represented. Our new Administrative Team should be representative of all the members of our new District.

Dan Dick will be our main speaker in the afternoon and our DS, Sue D'Alessio will be speaking to us in the morning. The morning will consist of a worship service, business meeting and leadership training, with lunch to follow. A general session will be offered to those who do not wish to attend one of the training sessions. The afternoon will consist of our main speaker and then a memorial service for those of our members who have passed away during the past year. Our day of celebration will end with communion.

Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00 A.M. with the day's activities beginning at 9:15 A.M. on September 26, 2015. The cost of materials and lunch is \$13.00. Please include a check for \$13.00 with your registration form and send to Dottie Unbehaun, 256 E. National Ave, Brillion WI 54110, by **August 26, 2015**.

Come, help make history, make new friends and have fun!

*Yours in Christ,
Jackie Ackerman
Nicolet District Vice President/
Reading Program Coordinator
Email: jackerman2@lakefield.net
920-793-1594*



We Are The Light!



Nicolet/ Winnebago District United Methodist Women
Day of Celebration, Leadership Training and
On Our Joining Hands

September 26, 2015
Registration 8:30-9:00 A.M.
Meeting Begins at 9:15 A.M.

Brillion Faith United Methodist Church
204 Horn Street
Brillion Wisconsin 54110

Registration Form

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone () _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code _____

Local Church and Unit Name _____

Please circle one: Nicolet Dist. Winnebago Dist. Metro-North

List any Dietary Restrictions _____

Will Day Care Services be needed _____ (Safe Sanctuary Rules Followed)

Session to be attended: (Please check 1)

President _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____

Vice Pres. _____ Soc. Act. _____ Prog. Res. _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach _____

Education & Interp. _____ Spiritual Growth _____

General Information Session _____

Please include \$13 with your registration by August 26, 2015. Mail registration to Dottie Unbehaun, 256 E. National Ave, Brillion WI 54110.

Mabel Heil Scholarship

The Mabel Heil Scholarships are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were first granted in 1981. Since then more than 240 woman have received help with their education.

Requirements and Instructions

Instructions:

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
2. Submit a written answer to the question; "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send the completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the fall semester or October 1 for the spring semester.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local UMW or the pastor of the church.
5. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

Rules:

1. Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
2. Have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.
3. All applications are photo copied for committee members.
4. Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.
5. If in any given year there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
6. The schedule is: First Semester: apply by May 1, notify by June 1, check given by August 15. Second Semester: apply by October 1, notify by November 1, check by December 1
7. Application and two letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

Contact person:

Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981
[715-258-0973](tel:715-258-0973)

Mabel Heil Scholarship Application
Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

6. Local Church:

a. Name & City _____

Pastor _____ UMW President _____

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? _____

8. Activities:

a. In United Methodist Women _____

In your local church _____

In the community _____

3. Education: (Give year of graduation) High School _____ College _____ Other _____

School you will be attending _____

Have you been accepted as a student? yes _____ no _____

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman ___ sophomore ___ junior ___ senior ___ Graduate ___ other ___

Course of Study _____

4. Family Status _____

5. Please answer the following using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to:

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Waupaca, WI 54981
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